



## INVITATION

European Conference  
Potsdam, 3rd–5th September 2012

# InterREGIO

*The Role of Federal States and Regions  
in Youth Policy and Youth Work*

## Background

In many European states the responsibility for youth work and youth policy is given to and exercised by the regions or departments / federal states. Since they create the legal framework, implement directives established by the central governments, promote youth work and draft youth policies they influence the framework and content of youth policy and youth work.

In the context of the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy regions and federal states play a decisive role. We want to discuss how they can fulfil their tasks from the perspective of representatives of regions and federal states? Which added value can be generated by transnational cooperation with other countries and regions? The conference wants to study these issues using a peer-learning approach.

## Goals

Main goals of the event:

- Presentation of best practices which enables federal states and regions to create a specific added value by playing an active role in European cooperation in youth policy
- Encouragement of federal states and regions to take an active part in shaping a youth policy with a European dimension
- Giving stakeholders opportunities for mutual exchange and planning of cooperation
- Increasing the countries' and regions' awareness of the EU Youth Strategy and its added value for youth aid

## Main Target Group

Main target group of this conference are representatives of the federal states and their European partner regions. A certain number of places is reserved for free application. We strongly

encourage young people/young adults to apply and join us to act as experts on their own behalf.

## Organisational Issues and Application

The InterREGIO-conference is organized by JUGEND für Europa – National Agency for the EU programme YOUTH IN ACTION – Transfer Agency for Youth Policy Cooperation in Europe in cooperation with the federal states of Berlin, Brandenburg and Hesse, supported by the Brandenburg office of the Foundation SPI as local supporting organisation.

JUGEND für Europa covers the expenses of the participants for accommodation, meals and participation fee. The travel costs of participants are seen as their contribution and are not refunded by JUGEND für Europa.

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# Agenda

## Monday, 3rd of September

**3.30 pm | Optional: Sightseeing Tour through Park Sanssouci**

**Until 5.30 pm | Arrival and Check-in at the hotel**

**6.30 pm | Reception by the federal state of Brandenburg at Lindenpark**

- \_ Address by **Dr. Martina Münch**, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport
- \_ Brandenburg Evening – Getting to know each other in an informal way &
- \_ Cultural programme

## Tuesday, 4th of September

**9.00 am | Panel Discussion: *Between Added Value and Additional Work – the Role of Federal States and Regions in European Youth Policy and Youth Work***

with:

- \_ **Marc Schaefer** (Committee of the Regions, City Council of Vianden, Luxembourg, tbc)
- \_ **Kristina Dambrauskaitė** (Ministry for Social Affairs, Lithuania)
- \_ **Florian Fangmann** (Director Centre Français de Berlin)
- \_ **Werner Theisen** (Director Ministry for Work and Social Affairs, Saxony-Anhalt; Bund-Länder working group)
- \_ **Peter Matjašič** (President European Youth Forum, tbc)

*Discussion in English with simultaneous interpreting German/English*

**10.30 am | European partnership**

- \_ Partner Regions present their Cooperation in the field of Youth Work
- \_ Moderated plenary session

**11.30 am | Information Input**

*The EU Youth Strategy – New Impetus for Cooperation in Youth Policy and a New Role for Youth Work*

*Presentation JUGEND für Europa – National Agency for the EU programme YOUTH IN ACTION – Transfer Agency for Youth Policy Cooperation in Europe*

**12.30 am | Lunch Break & Marketplace**

- \_ Good Practice Examples for Cooperation of Federal States & Regions
- \_ Projects and Organisations present their Work

**2.30 pm | Implementation of EU Youth Policy**

*Who does what & how? To what extent has the EU Youth Strategy already “arrived” at the member states*

*10 minutes time for a presentation by each national delegation*

**3.30 pm | Workshops**

*Topics of the EU Youth Strategy – European Impetus for Youth Participation, Mobility, Transition from School to Work, Social Integration, Recognition on Non-formal Learning etc.*

**6.00 pm | Diner**

**7.30 pm | Leisure time in Potsdam**

## Wednesday, 5th of September

**9.00 am | Cooperation**

*Action Planning: Which new projects and activities can the partner regions envisage? Which new opportunities will be generated if youth work gets a more “European character”?*

**11.00 am | Closing session *What’s left? Retrospective on the conference by improvisation theatre***

**12.00 am | Joint Activity *Planting the tree of European youth work***

**12.30 am | Lunch**

After Lunch Departure or leisure time in Potsdam

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